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SNB Unit in Susice.

1. The headquarters of SNB Unit Utvar No 0296 was located in Susice (N 50/Q 28) until 15 October 1950. The unit was organized into five companies, the 1st Co of which was quartered in Volary (N 49/Q 55) and commanded by Captain Hlar, (fnu). The company had a strength of about 75 men and was equipped with model CZ pistols, model 48-A submachine guns and model 26 light machine guns. The unit was entirely Czech. (1)
2. The first platoon of the 1st Co was quartered in Joloni (Hirsch-bergen, N 49/Q 54). The border patrols had a strength of two or three men. Laying of mines on all roads and paths in the border sector was started in the summer of 1950. In some places these mines were laid as far as the border. Prior to the start of these measures, the border area was inspected by SNB General Pavel, (fnu), who was accompanied by a Russian-speaking civilian who directed the operations. A watchtower was erected at the same time. This tower was intermittently occupied by guards. Another platoon of the SNB unit was located in Ceske Zleby (Boehn-Roshron, N 49/Q 44). It was intended to reinforce the border guard unit with regular soldiers. (2)

SNB Training Course in Kremnica.

3. From 5 October 1949 to 1 May 1950, a training course was held in a barracks installation comprising several buildings and located near the Kremnica (Q 49/C 55) railroad station. Chief of the course, which was attended by about 650 students, was Staff Captain Miskolci, (fnu). The trainees were organized into five companies and were given infantry training. They were armed with Czech rifles and light machine guns and Soviet submachine guns. (3)
4. In the second half of the course, six men were detached for a 3-month mine-laying course with an engineer regiment in Terezin (N 51/F 53). Chief of this course was Lieutenant Colonel Dejl, (fnu). The course was attended by 150 men coming from such stations as the Kremnica, Decin (N 51/F 56), Levoca (R 50/D 88), Turcianski Sv. Martin (Q 50/C 69).

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5. In early May 1960 the entire training course was transferred to Volary and after a short period of infantry training the members were distributed

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